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MEDIA REMINDER PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN FARMINGTON IN LACLEDE GAS COMPANY RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Farmington**, Missouri on **May 22, 2007**, to receive customer comment on a natural gas rate case filed by Laclede Gas Company. This local public hearing will also give customers an opportunity to bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention.

The Commission will also hold local public hearings in Poplar Bluff (May 22), Union (May 23), St. Louis (May 24 and May 29) and Clayton (May 30).

The **Farmington** local public hearing schedule appears below:

May 22, 2007
Telecom Room
Farmington High School
1 Black Knight Drive
5:30 pm*

*Informal question and answer session begins. The local public hearing starts approximately 30 minutes later and will conclude when the last witness has testified.

Consumers unable to attend the local public hearing and wish to make written comments may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, e-mail opeservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

On December 1, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed a rate request with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a net annual increase of approximately \$52.9 million. According to Laclede, the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.50 a month for the typical residential customer.

Formal evidentiary hearings will be held in the Commission's offices in Jefferson City (Governor Office Building) July 30-August 10, 2007.

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 633,800 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.